

Nationals Win Second Game---Gessler Knocks Ball Over Fence

Naps Are Blanked; First Time in 1911

Dixie Walker Shows Rare Form and Allows Only Four Hits—Gessler Smashes Out Home Run.

By WILLIAM FEET.

Dixie Walker's trusty right arm steered the Nationals to a well-earned 4 to 0 victory over the Cleveland Naps yesterday. The Birmingham baby had his curve ball working properly, and twirled the first real airtight game of any of the local flingers ever here this season.

It was Walker's last chance, and that the big fellow made good shows he has the stuff in him, and from now on better things may be expected.

Manager McAleer got hold of Walker before yesterday's game and told him in plain words that he expected him to show the fans of Washington why he (Walker) was drawing wages from the ball club. The boss intimated very plainly that unless Dixie gave a correct imitation of how to pitch, a change of scenery might be expected. This may or may not explain yesterday's result.

Dixie deserves a whole lot of credit, at that, for his performance. Twice he was in tight holes, but settled down and retired the side. His teammates behind him rendered stone wall support, and were able to bunch swats off Blinding at the right time. Doc Gessler drove in two of the runs, with a homer over the right field fence in the fourth, and made a ripping double in the sixth.

First Shut-out for Naps. It is also interesting to note that the Naps were yesterday treated to their first shut-out of the 1911 season, while the Nationals came across with their second shut-out victory. Tom Hughes blanked the Yankees here early in the spring.

Gessler's hitting and a great stop of a throw ball by Kid Elberfeld were easily the features of the melee. Blinding pitched a fair game, but the visitors and proved troublesome to all but four members of the home flock.

After Dixie had passed Graney in the opener and the latter had sneaked down to second on Graney's out, McElride to Joe Jackson and Stovall, and the fans went up a sigh of relief, as it was the first time in many days that the team had held runners on their initial appearance at the bat.

Milan broke open the Nationals' first run by crashing to left for a single, going to second on the ball got away from Graney. Schaefer planted a pretty sacrifice in front of the plate, and Milan beat it for third. Lelivelt smashed to ball who knuckled down the plate with one hand, Milan sneaking over the plate. Then Blinding tightened up and whiffed Elberfeld and Doc Gessler.

The only time danger threatened was in the Naps' third, and that a run was averted Dixie Walker can thank Kid Elberfeld. Birmingham opened with a clean single and raced to second on a wild pitch. Turner drove in the run, and Elberfeld to Walker, who threw Birmingham out at third. The throw was high, and Tabasco jumped three feet in the air, spearing the homebase with his gloved hand and dropping back on the heels of a fraction of a second before Birmingham arrived. Fisher struck out, but Blinding was passed, filling the bases. With two strikes on Graney, Cotton Turner attempted to steal home, and would have been declared safe had not Graney taken his third healthy swing. After this inning the Naps did not get a man to second base, and Dixie allowed but three scattered hits.

Gessler's Drive Clears Fence. The Nationals put Blinding on the rack and choked a couple of runs out of him in the fourth. Elberfeld drove the ball hit pitched to the concrete wall in left. Doc Gessler almost duplicated Joe Jackson's feat of the day before, when he lifted one over the right field fence. The ball crashed up against a brick building and dropped to the unseen side of the board enclosure. Gessler trotted around behind Elberfeld, and the fans gave him a grand reception.

It was Doc Gessler's war club that added another notch to the local score in the sixth. After Lelivelt had perished on a pop to Elberfeld, Gessler walked. Blinding got himself into a hole with Gessler up, giving the M. D. two and three. The next ball came bobbing up waist high, and Gessler, with a toe held to the plate, put all his best into swinging. Like a rifle shot the pill sailed into right field, bumping against the fence. Elberfeld easily scored, and Gessler, in trying to scotch the blow into a home-banger, was caught at the corner by an eye-ball.

A double play was all that saved the Naps in the eighth. Milan was on second, with one out, when the hit and run signal was given and Lelivelt lined the ball to center. Birmingham made a nice catch, and Milan was easily retired, as he was almost across the plate at the time the ball was caught.

Joe Jackson, the visitors' great slugger, did not get a hit. He was disposed of on easy chances the first three times up, and on his fourth appearance Milan raced over next to the home base and in a hard liner which smacked of a stinker.

The Score.

Washington	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Milan	4	0	0	10	0	0
Schaefer	4	0	0	10	0	0
Lelivelt	4	0	0	10	0	0
Elberfeld	4	0	0	10	0	0
Gessler	4	0	0	10	0	0
McElride	4	0	0	10	0	0
Cotton	4	0	0	10	0	0
Street	4	0	0	10	0	0
Walker	4	0	0	10	0	0
Totals	36	0	0	40	0	0

CLEVELAND. AB R H PO A E
Graney, 4 0 0 10 0 0
Cotton, 4 0 0 10 0 0
Jackson, 4 0 0 10 0 0
Stovall, 4 0 0 10 0 0
Birmingham, 4 0 0 10 0 0
Turner, 4 0 0 10 0 0
Ball, 4 0 0 10 0 0
Fisher, 4 0 0 10 0 0
Blinding, 4 0 0 10 0 0
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HITTING IN OLD-TIME FORM.



GESSLER-R.F.

Who was responsible for three of the Nationals' four runs against Cleveland yesterday.

Big League Races Seen at a Glance

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Philadelphia, 4; Detroit, 3.
Washington, 4; Cleveland, 0.
Boston, 1; St. Louis, 0.
New York vs. Chicago (rain).

GAMES TO-DAY.

Cleveland at Washington.
Detroit at Philadelphia.
Chicago at New York.
St. Louis at Boston.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Club	W	L	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Detroit	20	15	.770	736
Philadelphia	19	16	.543	628
Boston	19	16	.543	628
Chicago	19	16	.543	628
New York	19	16	.543	628
Cleveland	19	16	.543	628
Washington	19	16	.543	628
St. Louis	19	16	.543	628

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Philadelphia, 4; Cincinnati, 3.
Brooklyn, 5; Chicago, 3.
Boston, 7; St. Louis, 5.
New York, 9; Pittsburgh, 4.

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Cincinnati	21	17	.553	689
Brooklyn	21	17	.553	689
Pittsburgh	21	17	.553	689
Chicago	21	17	.553	689

ATHLETICS RALLY; NOSE OUT DETROIT

Oldring Brings in Two Runs in the Ninth Inning.

Philadelphia, June 7.—In a great rally in the ninth, the Athletics nosed out Detroit in the first game of a series in which the leadership of the American League is at stake. With two out and men on second and first, Oldring smashed a terrific double to left, breaking up the game. Cobb showed strength in the pinch. Cobb was the visitors' star. Score:

Club	W	L	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Philadelphia	21	17	.553	689
Detroit	20	18	.526	674

HALL WINS HIS OWN GAME.

Boston, June 7.—Charley Hall won his own game to-day by walloping out a single in the tenth inning with men on first and second bases. The game was a pitchers' battle all through between Hall and Peitz. Hall having the better of the argument. Score:

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Boston	21	17	.553	689
Philadelphia	21	17	.553	689

ANNIVERSARY DATA.

"La-la-la! La-la-la!" as we say in the French. If Miles Pointeater gets a chance this afternoon he'll vote for Doctor Gallinger for President pro tem. Charlie Lancaster has forgiven the insurgents and, as George Harrier is properly approached this morning, that merger between the B. of T. and the C. of C. may yet be accomplished. "Now is the winter of our discontent" made to blossom like a Mark Tapley rose.

Our Adorable Athletics will from this time on show Stovall's Sluggers a thing or two about b. b. and how she is played. "On London, when the sun was low, all bloodless lay the untrodden snow—but ere the drum beat—"

Whoopee-ee-ee-ee!

Go as far as you like, but touch every base!

And the dope? A. w. cut it out; cut it out; and it looks better than usual at that.

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Art Griggs May Join Nationals

Cleveland Asks for Waivers on the Heavy Hitter. Gessler Batting in Old-time Form. Other Sporting Gossip.

If Manager McAleer is looking for a hard-hitting outfielder or a first baseman, the opportunity now presents itself, and there seems to be no real good reason why he should not grab this man, providing, of course, he refused to waive on him and his reply to the waiver notification reached the Cleveland management first.

The Naps last week asked for waivers on four players, one of whom was Art Griggs, formerly with the St. Louis Browns, and a player whom McAleer has often expressed a wish to capture for the local club.

It was learned last night from a reliable source that such a move could be obtained at the waiver price, \$1,500, and it is reasonable to suppose that McAleer has refused to let this chap go out of the American League.

Cleveland newspaper men here, with the Naps declare that with Graney, Birmingham, and Jackson going so nicely, there is no room for Griggs in the outfield, while the infield is also settled until Larry Lajoie returns.

Griggs played a fast game at first base, but his hitting would add a lot of strength to the Nationals, and McAleer should, if he has not done so, make every effort to grab this player.

Just what McAleer has done regarding the matter is not known, for he absolutely refuses to discuss waivers with anybody. The Nationals' boss contends that such business should be treated as confidential, and not given out for publication.

The Washington Club is not the only one after Griggs. It is a well-known fact that Hughie Jennings would like to get the youngster for Detroit, while the New York Highlanders could also use him very nicely.

Griggs joined the St. Louis Browns during the last year McAleer was in charge, and turned out to be a pretty sweet hitter. Last season he continued to show ability in this line, and as he is a younger of good habits, considerable promise is held out for his future.

When a club asks for waivers on a ball player, the first reply to such requests gets the man.

Now, if McAleer's wire, and it is presumed that he sent one, was the first to reach the Cleveland club, Griggs can become the property of the Nationals after payment of \$1,500.

It might be just our luck, however, to be a few hours late, and thereby lose the opportunity of obtaining a promising young ball player.

Doc Gessler sure is hitting the ball in his old-time form. His two hard smashes yesterday scored three runs, and every indication points to a good year at the bat for the M. D.

It is barely possible that McAleer will work Walter Johnson against the Naps this afternoon. Manager Stovall, of the Naps, intends to pitch Mitchell, a left-hander.

"Like a catapulted figure the tense athlete who has been counting the inches between his foot and first base, while his eyes steadily watched the right shoulder of the pitcher, and his ears strained to catch the slightest change of tone in the voice of the catcher, shoots forward toward the goal, hurls his body backward, crosses one leg toward a saw-dust-filled bag, hooks one foot over it, while the body tears a furrow in the dirt and grass. A cloud of dust hides him," the bag, and the second baseman.

"The umpire turns wearily away as the crowd roars for his heart's blood. The basemen grin, tosses the ball back to the pitcher, spits into his glove. An umpire has perished in the effort to steal second."

What are the chances for a base-runner on first to steal second? Probably not high, but a chance in three. You'd hardly Fullerton who likes to go into the figures, says that with a crack pitcher on the mound and a star catcher behind the plate an average runner has about a 70 per cent chance to steal second safely if the ball is perfectly handled. Great base runners like Cobb, Collins, Speaker, Evers, and Fred Clarke steal safely about 70 per cent of the bases they start for.

The reason more bases are not stolen, says Fullerton, is because the players no longer run wild on the paths. In the old days a man who reached first base practically sure to steal to steal second. Nowadays managers do not often let their men try the play, but rely on the sacrifice and hit-and-run to advance basemen. Now for the figures:

In an average season in both big leagues 58,135 players face the pitcher, but only 27,658 reach first—18,154 on safe hits, 5,565 on bases on balls, 1,363 on error, and 644 by being hit by pitched balls. Of these 18,154, 12,135 reach second, 12,852 third, and 3,272 score. There are thus 58,983 chances to steal, but only 2,744 players steal one out of twenty chances. Nineteen runners steal home, 74 from second to third base, and 1,561 steal second.

Fullerton put the stopwatch on pitchers and catchers and the throw to second to catch men stealing. The pitchers timed were White, Walsh, Three-fingered Brown, Cole, Johnson, and Gray; the catchers, Kling, Archer, Sullivan, and Street. The average time from the start of the pitch to the moment the second baseman held the ball to touch the stealer was, on straight balls 2 2/3 seconds, on curve balls 3 1/2 seconds, on slow balls 4 1/2 seconds. Their average time was 2 7/8 seconds.

But the above figures are averages. Cobb and Zelder both beat their averages many times. The throws to second are often slower than the average. While a perfect fast throw to second will catch the fastest runner nearly every time, the actual performance shows the best base runners beat the throw seven out of ten times.

Fullerton believes that drawing the catcher's throw to the base behind the runner is the best variation of the delayed steal. If the runner has a good lead when the throw is made, he can beat the relay to the next base almost every time.

Pitcher Cashion, purchased by the Nationals from the Greenville, S. C., club, will not report until the close of the season.

International Meet July 11.

London, June 7.—The Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Yale athletic contests have been fixed for July 11.

Charley White to Referee.

New York, June 7.—Charley White has agreed to referee the ten-round bout between Frankie Burns and Johnny Daly at the Twentieth Century Athletic Club Friday night. Neither will have any trouble in making the 15 pounds.

PITTSBURG SETS NEW ASSIST MARK

Pirates and Giants Give a Poor Exhibition.

Pittsburg, June 7.—Pittsburg and New York played one of the poorest games ever seen on the local field to-day, the Giants winning by the score of 5 to 4. Pittsburg established a record in assists, making twenty-four. Not an out went to an outfielder. Adams was hit hard in the third, when six hits, with an error, resulted in five runs. Hendrix made his first appearance before a local crowd and pitched good ball. Four runs were scored off him in the fifth inning. He permitted but three hits in the six innings he pitched. Score:

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Phillies Win Close Game.

Bunch Hits Off Keefe and Defeat Reds by a Run.

Cincinnati, June 7.—The Phillies won a very close and exciting contest to-day, 4 to 3, by bunching their hits off Keefe in the fourth inning. Smith, who succeeded Keefe in the sixth, allowed one run on a pass and a triple by Magee, and then held the visitors firmly in check. Score:

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Harvard Victor Over Penn, 2 to 1.

Crimson Wins Out with Rally in Ninth Inning.

Cambridge, Mass., June 7.—After dropping its last four games against college nines, the Harvard varsity to-day beat the University of Pennsylvania, 2 to 1. The game was the first in which the teams have met since 1908, and Pennsylvania's one run, scored on two singles and a sacrifice in the second inning, looked big enough to win until Harvard went in to bat in the ninth. A single by Babson and a sacrifice were followed by Potter's strike-out, and the Harvard hopes seemed gone, but Capt. Aldenderfer, of the Quakers, lost a boulder, allowing Babson to score the tying run. Then McLaughlin stole second and scored on a clean single to left by Hann. No one about Cambridge remembers when the Quakers ever have beaten the Crimson at baseball here, but to-day the trick almost was turned. Imlay, who pitched for Pennsylvania, allowed only four scattered hits until the ninth, while Sexton, Harvard's pitcher, who experienced his first varsity game, was steady with men on bases. Sexton's fielding of bunts and Desha's work at short kept the visitors from scoring more than one run.

Pennsylvania's run in the second was scored on Aldenderfer's right field single, Thayer's sacrifice, an out at first, and a single past third base by Toomey.

POLO MATCH POSTPONED.

Second Game to Be Played Friday for International Cup.

New York, June 7.—The second polo game in the series at Meadowbrook for the international cup was postponed again to-day until Friday.

It rained all day at Meadowbrook and neither captain thought it advisable to risk playing on the slippery, soggy field. Owing to the United States Hunts meet to-morrow at Belmont, Park it was decided to postpone the game until Friday.

DRAGHTS PLAYER HERE.

Defeats Local Cracks at R. R. Y. M. C. A. 15 to 0.

Mr. Alfred Jordan, champion draughts player of London, England, who is making a tour of the United States, entertained the experts of this city in a simultaneous exhibition against the strongest players of the city at the rooms of the Terminal Railroad Y. M. C. A. last evening.

Mr. Jordan will leave to-morrow for Pittsburg, where he will engage the players of that city on Monday evening.

MOORE TAKES MATCH.

Defeats Nachman in Lamb's Club Pool Tournament, 100 to 80.

Nachman was defeated by L. Moore last night in the special pool tournament being held at the Lamb's Club, 37 Ninth street, 100 to 80.

The final match of the tourney will be played to-night between Moore and Evans. After the match the prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Lyndberg Blanks Richmond.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lyndberg, Va., June 7.—Harvey Brooks celebrated his return to the game to-day, after a sick leave of two weeks, by shooting out Richmond and winning his game, 1 to 0. Not a Richmond player reached third, and only twice did one reach second. Pierce was very wild, but effective in pinches. Score:

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BUSINESS TENNIS TEAM DEFEATED

Episcopal High Takes Two Sets to Local's One.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Alexandria, June 7.—The Episcopal High School Tennis team defeated the Business High Tennis team yesterday afternoon, at Alexandria, two sets to one. In the doubles, Libby and Bridget, of Business, defeated Boos and Morton, of Episcopal, 7-6 and 6-3. The match was replete with brilliant play on both sides, and brought round after round of applause from a large crowd. To the excellence of their service, and their perfect net play the visitors may attribute their victory. Although the Alexandria lads showed some excellent tennis in the Lawford stroke, Boos and Morton's steadiness, the result was never in doubt as the Stenographers clearly showed their superiority at all times.

In the singles the Stenographers sent in fresh men, while the Washingtonians relied on the prowess of the same men that won in the doubles. They were not destined to repeat, however, as Episcopal took and the victory. In the second set, however, Bridget showed a little fight, and with the score standing 5-1 against him, by clever play, managed the score 5-11. The effort seemed to tax him much, as Addison won the next two games and set with little difficulty.

The grade of tennis displayed was that which is seldom seen in scholastic matches, and the return match between the two teams in Washington next week should prove a hot one, owing to the intense rivalry between the two teams.

The results:

Episcopal, Libby, of Business, defeated Boos and Morton, of Episcopal, 7-6 and 6-3.

Addison, of Episcopal, defeated Bridget, of Business, 6-3 and 5-6.

MINOR LEAGUES.

EASTERN LEAGUE.

At Toronto-Toronto, 7; Montreal, 4.
At Baltimore-Baltimore